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1. AS I INDICATED IN AN EARLIER MESSAGE, I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR CLOSE ASSOCIATES WHEN YOU HAVE SETTLED IN AND CAN FIND TIME--NOT EASY, I KNOW--TO SEE YOUR KEY AMBASSADORS. MEANWHILE, I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF SENDING YOU IN THE COMING DAYS OUR THOUGHTS ON HOW WE CAN BEST ORDER OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

2. THESE ARE IN THE FORM OF FOUR CABLES UNDER GENERAL RUBRIC -- U.S. SOVIET POLICY UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION: (1) THE USSR IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS; (2) THE STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVE; (3) THE IMMEDIATE AGENDA; (4) MODUS OPERANDI. THESE MESSAGES -- DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR THOSE OF YOUR CLOSE 7TH FLOOR COLLEAGUES WHO ON THEIR RECORD KNOW LITTLE ABOUT THIS BENIGHTED COUNTRY--ARE THE JOINT PRODUCT OF THE BEST OF THE EMBASSY MINDS; AND YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THIS MOSCOW TEAM I HAVE THE HONOR TO HEAD IS HIGHLY COMPETENT, RESOURCEFUL, AND IMAGINATIVE--PERHAPS THE BEST AGGREGATE I HAVE SEEN IN MY LONG DIPLOMATIC CAREER. I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT WHILE THE MESSAGES ARE LONG AND MAY, IN SOME INSTANCES, REPEAT WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW OR HAVE BEEN TOLD, THEY ARE WORTHY OF YOUR

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